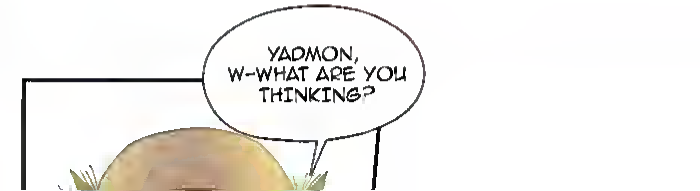
WHY DON'T YOU GET ON BOARD, SIR? WE'LL SAIL TO MEGARA RIGHT AWAY AND GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.

DON'T WORRY, SIR.
IN ATHENS, I'M UNDER YOUR THUMB.
WHICH MEANS MY POWER BELONGS TO YOU, SIR DRAKON.

THEY'RE THE NAVY OF SAMOS, THE SO-CALLED SPEAR OF POSEIDON.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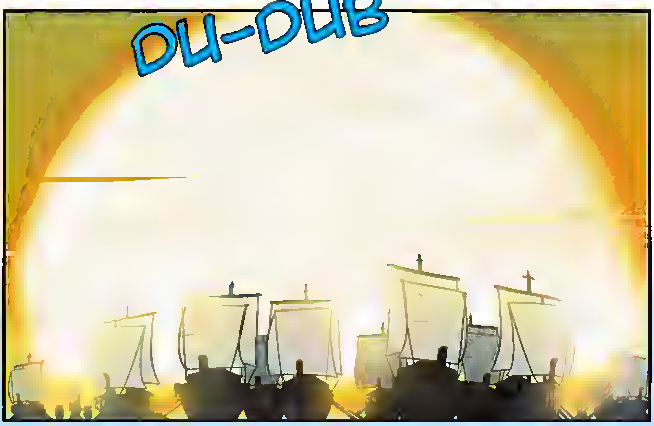
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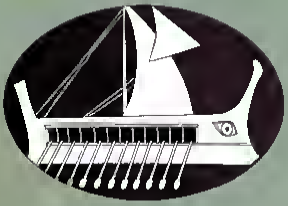
THE GUARDIANS OF THE AEGEAN SEA.



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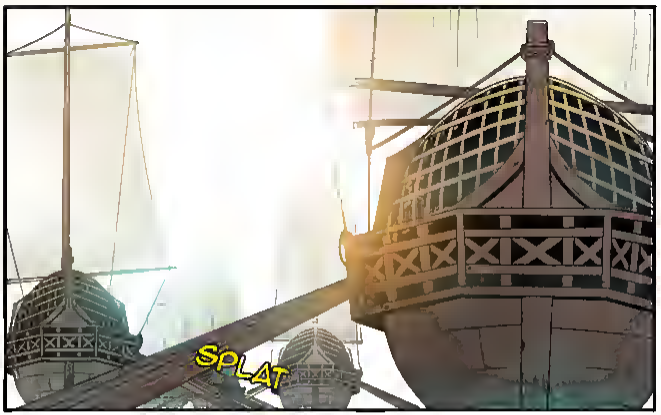
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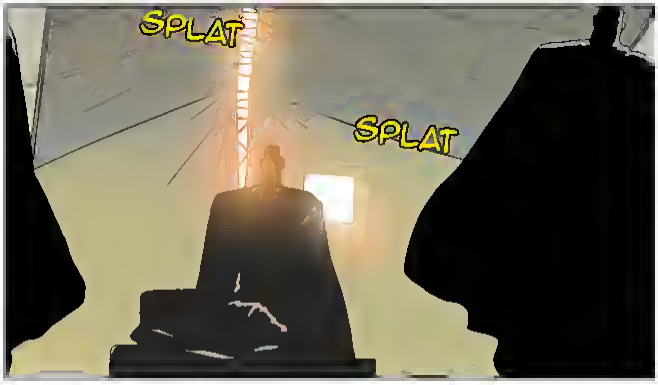
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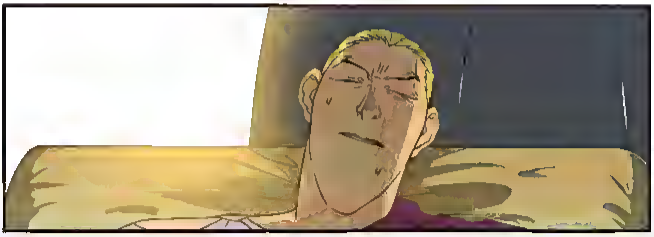

YOU PATHETIC LOSER.
YOU'RE THE SON OF THE GREAT HEPHAISTOPHOLIS. BUT ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS WAS RUN AFTER A WOMAN.
WHILE YOU WERE WASTING YOUR TIME LIKE THAT, I WAS AT WAR EVERY DAY RISKING MY LIFE.

FATHER...
AT THE MOMENT, THE WAR IS NOT GOING IN OUR FAVOR. SEND ME ALL YOUR SOLDIERS IN SAMOS TO SUPPORT ME.

SEND THEM RIGHT AWAY.
UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO TIE YOUR WRISTS SO TIGHT THAT THEY WILL BREAK WHEN I'M BACK.
YOU'RE MY SON. YOU'RE MY MARIONETTE! YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE FROM ME!

YOU'RE MY SLAVE.
EVEN IF YOU CHOOSE
TO GIVE UP YOUR LIFE.
YOU WILL NEVER
ESCAPE FROM ME!
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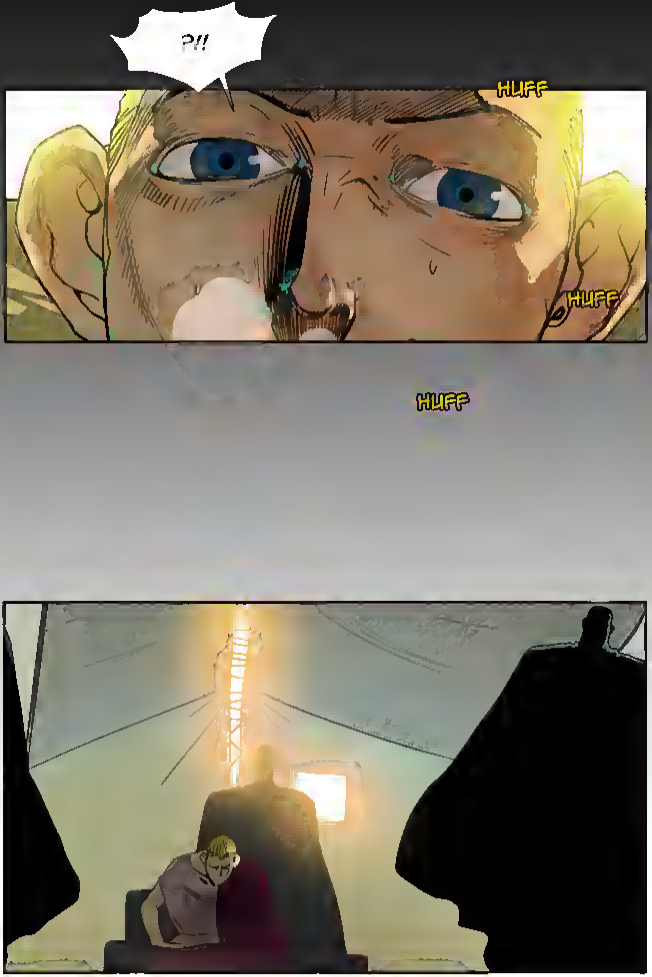
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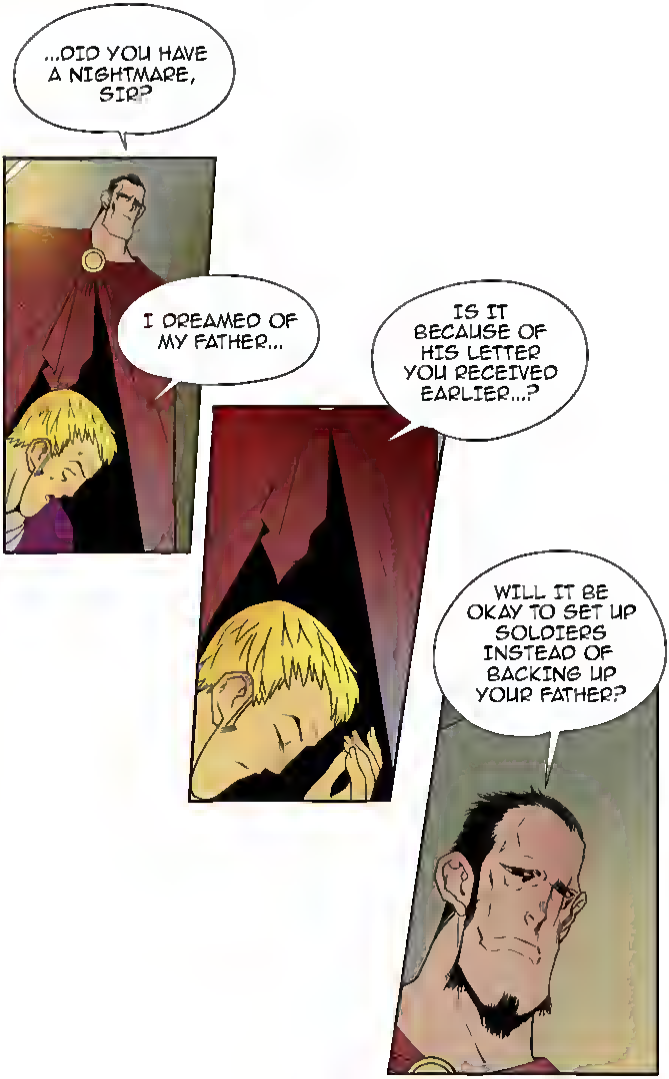
...DID YOU HAVE A NIGHTMARE, SIR?
I DREAMED OF MY FATHER...
IS IT BECAUSE OF HIS LETTER YOU RECEIVED EARLIER...?
WILL IT BE OKAY TO SET UP SOLDIERS INSTEAD OF BACKING UP YOUR FATHER?

IT'S NOT ONLY MY FATHER WHO IS AT WAR. I'M ALSO AT WAR HERE.
BUT WHAT IF HE LOSES? HIS LIFE MIGHT BE IN DANGER...

IF KERES
(GODDESS OF DEATH)
PULLS HIS ARM,
THAT'S THE WILL OF GOD
HE MUST ACCEPT.

SIR, YOU'RE PLAYING FOR BIG STAKES. WHAT IF YOU CAN'T GET WHAT YOU WANT? WILL IT BE OKAY?
MY IMMATURE BRAVERY IS DERIVED FROM THE HATRED AND RAGE OF MY IMPERFECT DESTINY. SO, I WON'T REGRET.

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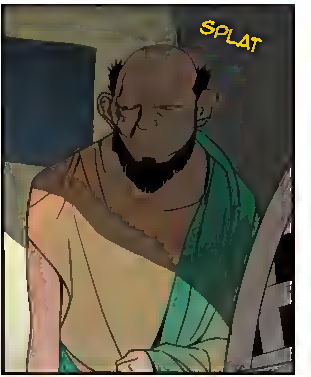
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APART FROM THAT, IT'S NOT THAT BAD TO BE REMEMBERED AS A GREAT FAILURE BY STUPID WINNERS.

THERE WAS ONCE A GREEDY DOG.

ONE DAY, IT SAW A MANGER FULL OF BARLEY.

ALTHOUGH IT DIDN'T EAT ANY OF THE BARLEY,
IT LIED IN THE MANGER.

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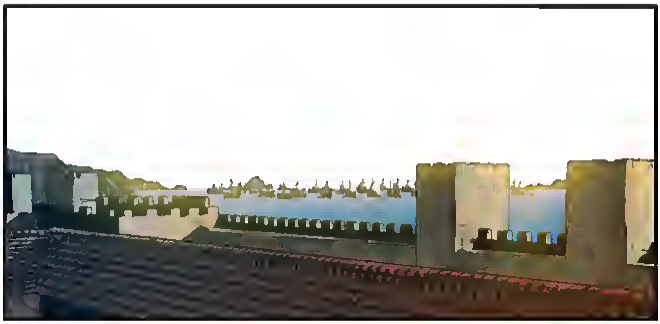
AND IT PREVENTED HORSES FROM EATING THE BARLEY.

AND THAT GREEDY DOG STARVED ITSELF IN THE MANGER.



AT THE MOMENT, SALAMIS IS A DEAD LOSS FOR MEGARA. BECAUSE IT HAS NO ENERGY TO SPARE TO PROTECT GREECE FROM OUTSIDE POWERS.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, TRYING TO KEEP SALAMIS MAKES YOU NO DIFFERENT FROM THE GREEDY DOG IN THE MANGER. DON'T YOU THINK?

THEN, ARE YOU SAYING YOU'LL TAKE SALAMIS FROM US BY FORCE? IT WON'T BE AS EASY AS YOU THINK.

SIR, YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD ME. THOSE SHIPS AREN'T HERE AS WARSHIPS.
THERE ARE GREAT AMOUNT OF TAXES FROM THE PEOPLE OF SAMOS AND MY FORTUNE THAT I HAD MADE FOR OVER TEN YEARS ON THEM.
THEY'RE HERE AS MERCHANT SHIPS.

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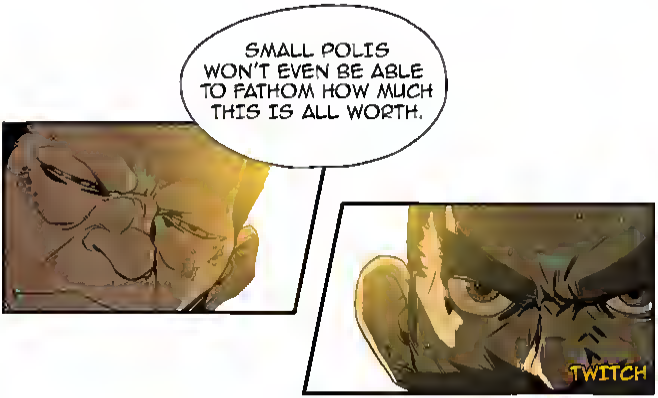
SMALL POLIS WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO FATHOM HOW MUCH THIS IS ALL WORTH.
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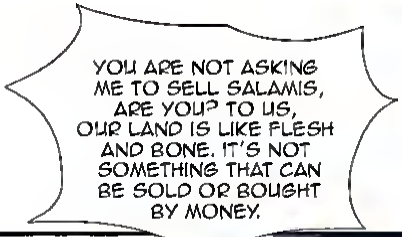

YOU ARE NOT ASKING ME TO SELL SALAMIS, ARE YOU? TO US, OUR LAND IS LIKE FLESH AND BONE. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE SOLD OR BOUGHT BY MONEY.

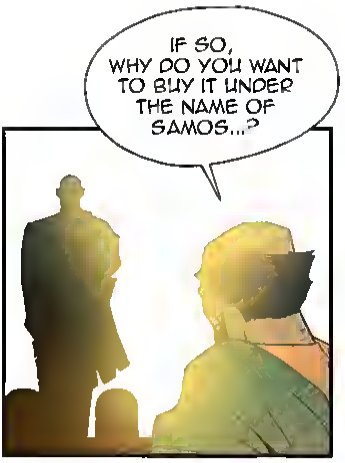
SIR,
I'M JUST
ASKING YOU...

TO LEND US
THE OWNERSHIP
OF SALAMIS FOR
FIFTY YEARS UNDER
THE NAME OF SAMOS.

OF COURSE, WE'LL PAY MORE THAN IT IS WORTH.

SIR, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT. IF SIR PATHATOS, THE OWNER OF MEGARA, ISSUES A 50-YEAR OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE TO SAMOS...

I'LL GO BACK TO ATHENS WITH SIR DRAKON AND YIELD IT TO HIM FOR NOTHING IN FRONT OF ALL THE CITIZENS.


IF SO,
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BUY IT UNDER THE NAME OF SAMOS...?

BECAUSE I WAS ALSO IN THE SAME SHOES AS THE PEOPLE OF SAMOS.
SINCE I'M USING THEIR TAXES, I NEED AN EXCUSE AND NOTHING WILL BE BETTER THAN WINNING THE HONOR AS "THE SHIELD OF GREECE."

AND THE PEOPLE OF SAMOS WILL LIFT UP THEIR HEADS AS THE GUARDIAN OF AEGEAN SEA. ISN'T THIS GOOD FOR EVERYONE?
BUT THE CITIZENS OF MEGARA MIGHT THINK THAT WE LOST SALAMIS TO ATHENS DUE TO A POLITICAL BATTLE...
EVEN THOUGH MONEY CAN..

ANYWAYS,
IF MY PLAN WORKS,
MEGARA WILL EARN A HUGE FORTUNE THAT BRINGS WELL-BEING TO NOT ONLY CITIZENS OF MEGARA, BUT ALSO TO PATHATOS FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE...
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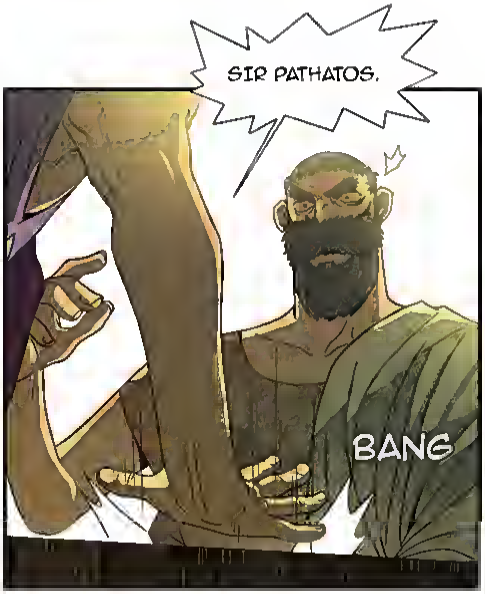
AND SIR DRAKON WILL HAVE OWNERSHIP OF SALAMIS AND WILL BE PRAISED BY CITIZENS OF ATHENS


SIR PATHATOS.
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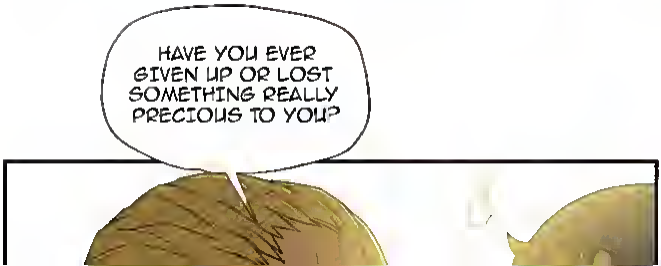
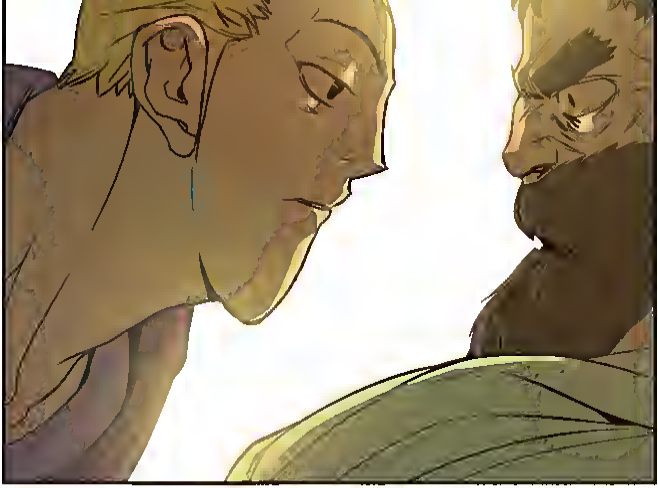

HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN UP OR LOST SOMETHING REALLY PRECIOUS TO YOU?



WE,
THE PEOPLE OF SAMOS,
HAVE THE COURAGE TO
THROW OUR PRECIOUS
WEALTH INTO THE SEA.

ONCE WE ABANDON OUR FORTUNE TO THE SEA THOSE SHIPS WILL NOT BE MERCHANT SHIPS ANYMORE THEY BECOME WARSHIPS AGAIN
THEN, THEY WILL START TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THEIR DUTIES WITH FULL OF COURAGE

SIR PATHATOS...
IN THIS CHAOTIC WORLD, ISN'T IT REAL VALOR TO BE A GREAT FAILURE FOR THE SAKE OF THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR CITIZENS?